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SLIDING INTO SPRING ...

Rhett Stallings (front), Levi Collins (far left at ladder) and Connor Collins (top of slide) enjoy Monday's 80-degree weather at the base playground while Rhett's mom, Katie Stallings, 90th Services Squadron, looks on.

Photo by Senior Airman Tonette Boyd

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Commentary

Five nuggets from ADC

Capt. Matthew Cassell
Area defense counsel

My assignment as the area defense counsel here is coming to an end, which got me to thinking about what I've learned in two years of defending Warren's Airmen. Some are tips, some are common sense and some are things I've just noticed in my time as the ADC.

1. Follow 0-0-1-3. At the risk of being a shill for the commander, which is not normally the case for the ADC, I have to say that his program is helping to educate young Airmen regarding the dangers of binge drinking. Now, don't get me wrong, I don't think underage drinking or driving under the influence is ever going to just stop, but following 0-0-1-3 will certainly cut down on the effects of excessive drinking, one of which is sexual assaults.

2. Beware the drunken sex partner. In my time as the ADC here, I handled 16 sexual assault cases, 11 of which were at Warren. In almost every one of those cases, the "victim" and the suspect were both drinking and knew each other. That should tell all of you why 0-0-1-3 is so important to follow, male and female alike. Only one of those 16 cases resulted in a conviction for sexual assault, which tells you the accusations were almost always consensual sexual encounters between drunken partners. People, the alcohol usually is the reason why these kinds of consensual sexual encounters happen in the first place. Drink responsibly, and you'll avoid the accusation, because once the accusation is made, things get much more complicated.

3. You will get caught using drugs. Between unit sweeps, the random urinalysis program, office of special investigations undercover operations,

probable cause searches and other drug users ratting people out, if an Airman is using drugs he or she will get caught. Recently, the Air Force decided to test those between E-1 and E-4 and O-1 and O-2 more often than non-commissioned officers and senior non-commissioned officers and those officers in the grade of O-3 and above, which means younger Airmen are more likely to be tested and caught using drugs. One thing is for sure, if you are caught using drugs, your Air Force career is over. And eventually, you will get caught.

4. It's always okay to make a statement after consulting the ADC. A lot of people will try to tell you you're automatically guilty if you consult the ADC before making a statement to law enforcement. Well, those people are not only wrong, they're foolish. In the end, if law enforcement reads you your Article 31 or Miranda rights, and you make a statement without consulting an attorney first, you're taking an awfully big risk. Besides, you can always come back later and make a statement after talking to a defense attorney, and anyone who says you can't is lying.

5. Trust your attorney and the system — they both work. Some people believe the ADC works for the wing commander or the numbered Air Force. In reality, the ADC is a detachment commander

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Hoops Shots

Today **Gen. Lance Lord, Air Force Space Command commander, Maj. Gen. Frank Klotz, 20th Air Force commander**, and several other dignitaries are at Camp Guernsey, Wyo., participating amongst other things in a ribbon cutting of the newly created **Nuclear and Space Security Tactics Training Center**. This visionary center promises to advance the art and proficiency of our security forces and highlights the great partnership between the guard and us. In the years to come, as mighty defenders across our command and perhaps the nation use this facility they will have the following professionals to thank: **Master Sgt. Joseph Byrd and Lloyd Chew** (project superintendents); **Charles Scottini, David Sharp and Stan Regensburg** (plumbing crew); **Bryan Hauger, Leroy Seaton, Pat Vigil, Kelley Hinton, Don Yost and Robert Hannig** (porch crew); **Michael Brooks and Sam Holmes** (painters); **Laura Gosvener and Steven Hadley** (sheet metal crew); **Tom Dunbar** (signs); **Staff Sgt. Arthur Harriess, Airman 1st Class Kevin Pearson, William Meredith, Terrel Swain, James Edwards, Bradley Nuss, Richard Eckert, Lanny Ross and Curtis Merchant** (electrical crew); **Airman 1st Class Donald Cederlund, Robert Dunn, Joseph Flores, James Veirostek** (concrete crew); and **Staff Sgt. William Hurley, Airman T.J. Eichens and Amy Scottini** (finances and travel orders). Well done to all of you — you pulled off this historical new facility in record time!

I'd also like to salute our hard working services team for all they do to make this base a better place to serve, live and play for ourselves and our families. In particular our Trail's End staff has done an incredible job turning around customer service, accountability, options for our people and more. In the process, they have turned the first profit since the '90s and have done so for three consecutive quarters now! But, I must continue to remind our base that they cannot do it alone. We have to be good customers and I'm sorry to say that too often we are not. And for all the sweat the services folks

put into serving you, being a poor customer can erase it all. Take for example, the recent Easter brunch. For two years now this has been a terrific event. Despite great food, an attentive staff, fun decorations and alternatives for kids, we lost money. The reason we didn't make a profit is because we are chronically bad customers. Last year the brunch had few reservations and a ton of walk-ins. Service suffered because the staff wasn't prepared for so many last-minute, unannounced patrons and I remember both a line to get in and having to turn people away. This year was a repeat of last with one twist — the club anticipated having about 100 walk-ins and prepared accordingly. They did this because almost every single services event is a roll of the dice and most people don't RSVP. Doesn't matter if we're talking about Texas Hold 'Em, a comedy night, family night or a brunch — this is the pattern on this base. The club lost money on the brunch because they had to go off gut feelings and ended up cooking too much food and having too much staff. They were trying to avoid having to turn people away or giving them a bad experience. Why should you care? Because the money they lost was money we all lost. Remember, services is a collection of venues that all uses the same pot of money. A profit anywhere in the system benefits the entire system and a loss anywhere in the system hurts the entire system. The loss of money on the brunch can affect the aquatics center, paintball, auto skills, child development center and more. We may soon be reaching the point where we must limit service for special events to only those with reservations since we can't afford the losses and the ripple effect they have to all our venues. Of course, doing that will also limit flexibility, hurt good will and perhaps diminish potential profits because business could be turned away. Let's not let it get to this point. Be a good customer — sign up early and honor your reservation. It'll allow us to plan for success and will ensure all the venues you visit and care about have enough money to serve you and your families.

-- Col. Hoops

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Commentary

THE CIVILIAN PAVILION

Matt Cox

Visual information

When Aaron Ginn started working at the Warren Auto Skills Center as a 17-year-old high school senior, his duties were relegated to sweeping the garage floor and doling out tools to more experienced mechanics like an operating room assistant.

Nine years later he's the lead surgeon.

Mr. Ginn has been the auto skills center manager since 2002, and the resume he's built since his days as a recreation aid nine years ago would make Mr. Goodwrench jealous.

"I've always been interested in anything with a motor," he said. "I wouldn't be happy doing anything else."

Fueled by the oil coursing through his veins Mr. Ginn has an unrelenting passion for fixing anything with four wheels and an engine and he's a proven student of everything automotive.

He has more certifications than all three Pep Boys: ASE master certification; advanced engine performance certification; GM fuel injection and advanced engine diagnostics certification; Air Force activity manager's certification; Air Force services activity manager's certification; and Air Force facility manager's certification, among others.

His managerial responsibilities include maintaining a clean, safe and friendly environment for his staff and his customers to do what they do best: fix cars.

"Serving customers, working with great people and being around what I love, cars, is the best part of my job," he said.



Photo by Matt Cox

"I've always been interested in anything with a motor. I feel I wouldn't be happy doing anything else."

— Aaron Ginn, auto skills center manager

Mr. Ginn and his crew of eight work together like a well oiled machine. The staff is full of "very talented and experienced employees," according to Mr. Ginn.

Gregory Winters, ASE master technician and retired aviation mechanic; Dalbert Lake, assistant manager and retired vehicle maintenance mechanic; Gary Schafer, tools and parts attendant and retired railroad mechanic; Jeff Sams, active duty and T&P attendant; Jason Mays, active duty and T&P attendant; Rob Blevins, T&P attendant; and Paul Schoening, T&P attendant; have more than 170 years of automotive repair experience combined. Although the staff is civilian dominated some part-time employees are active duty.

The auto skills center is a self-help shop so if you're handy with tools you can do it yourself. "Due to the diversity of new cars all training is done on-the-spot," explained Mr. Ginn. "We found this to be more effective than hold-

ing classes." Customers can make traditional appointments for repair work as well.

For the gearheads who get too deep under the hood without a clue, Mr. Ginn assures his staff is only a socket wrench away. "Customers: Please ask for help. That's what we're here for," he said.

Because the knowledgeable auto skills staff fires on all cylinders there isn't a mechanical problem that can't be fixed. "Except for rebuilding power steering boxes," said Mr. Ginn.

However, I'm sure he's already making room on his office wall for that certificate.

As with most people I've met on base, customer service is the top priority for Mr. Ginn and his staff. He's received many accolades from satisfied customers. According to a few customer critiques, Mr. Ginn has a great reputation around Warren.

"(Mr. Ginn and his staff) have put the customer service bar at a

new level," said Marvin Cox, community support flight chief, 90th Services Squadron.

After lending a desperately needed helping hand to a family stranded due to car trouble, Mr. Ginn received this glowing comment from Staff Sgt. Arther Harriss III, 90th Civil Engineer Squadron: "I really can't describe my appreciation for all that he did for me and my family. I truly wish there were more people like Aaron in this world."

It's tough to argue with such high praise.

The 26-year-old civilian has recently found a new passion in life, something more important than even cars: his daughter.

The proud new father and his wife had their first child, Chloe, a little more than a month ago: "I love her more than anything, except my wife," he explained as only new fathers can. "Nothing, not even cars, brings me happiness like my family."

Who: Auto skills center

What: Self-help automotive repair shop

When: Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: 1810 Commissary Rd., Building 762

Contact: Aaron Ginn, auto skills manager, 773-3869

For a complete list of services and prices the auto skills center offers visit its Web site at www.90svs.com/auto.htm.

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and does not report to anyone on this base. That's why you have to trust your ADC – because we work for you. Only experienced judge advocate gener-

als are assigned to this job, and the reason why is because you deserve the best attorney the Air Force can give you. When I came into this job, I was

told I'd be lucky if I got one acquittal as an ADC. After two years, I've gotten six. That's not because I'm Perry Mason or anything – it's because the military

justice system works. It's a fair system that finds who is guilty, punishes those who are and clears those who are not. Capt. Lance Wood will be taking

over as the new ADC for Warren, and I expect he'll do a great job. Make sure you utilize the ADC's office – we're only here for one reason: to help you.

Bright IDEA saves AF big money

Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon
Public affairs

One of Warren's own was awarded \$10,000 for having a recommendation approved in the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program.

Tech. Sgt. Billy Ferguson's IDEA is saving the Air Force \$220,000 a year.

Sergeant Ferguson, a power refrigeration and electrical command evaluator with 20th Air Force, has submitted more than 30 IDEAs in his ten-year career.

He is the command evaluator and liaison between 20th AF's PREL shops and the intercontinental ballistic missile depot, the organization that takes equipment that doesn't fit the standard or is broken.

Sergeant Ferguson was in the process of rewriting a technical order when it hit him: there was a better, less expensive way to change a guidance and control chiller unit refrigerant compres-

sor, which cools the missile guidance section.

The big money idea:

When the compressor in the unit burns out, it creates acid. Replacing the unit the way the T.O. directs, acid is circulated through the new compressor.

Six months later, the unit would have to be replaced again because of the acid affecting the motor windings.

Sergeant Ferguson recommended a recycler be hooked up to clean out the acid after removing the burned out compressor, and then install the new one.

Sergeant Ferguson immediately went online and filled out an AFTO 22.

Airmen/non-commissioned officers doing their job day in and day out know better and faster ways to perform their duties, but, since most are unaware of the IDEA program, they have little incentive to make T.O. changes, said Sergeant Ferguson.

What is the incentive to submit changes through the

IDEA program?

Any improvement T.O. change is worth \$200 minimum, he said.

"The 20th Air Force LG [Logistics Group] leadership was key to this, namely Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Koveleskie, because they are constantly pushing us to look for better ways to improve our maintenance capabilities," Sergeant Ferguson said.

As for the \$10,000, he is going to use the money to pay off bills.

The idea program is a way for individuals to submit recommendations to possibly change or improve the way things are done in the military, said Mary Jane Prah, Warren's IDEA program director.

To submit an IDEA, go to <https://ipds.mont.disa.mil>.

Civilian contractors may submit IDEA recommendations, but they will not be monetarily compensated, Mrs. Prah said.

For more information on the IDEA program, contact Mrs. Prah at 773-3506.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon

Tech Sgt. Billy Ferguson, IDEA winner from 20th Air Force, inspects a thermostatic expansion valve for a refrigeration system.



Photo by Bernie Ernst

WARREN WINS BIG IN 20 AF ANNUAL AWARDS

Maj. Gen. Frank Klotz, 20th Air Force commander, presents awards to Warren's 20 AF annual award winners April 14.

Warren's 20 AF Award Winners

First Sergeant of the Year

Master Sgt. John Balderaz
90th Missile Maintenance Squadron

Airman of the Year

Airman 1st Class Monica Wong
90th Missile Security Forces Squadron

Best OSKE of the Year

90th Operations Support Squadron/OSKE
Operations Enlisted Person of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Carl Rhea

320th Missile Squadron

Chef of the Year

Airman 1st Class Steven Metz
320th Missile Squadron

Security Forces SNCO of the Year

Master Sgt. William McIntyre
790th Missile Security Forces Squadron

Security Forces Airman of the Year

Airman 1st Class Monica Wong
90th Missile Security Forces Squadron

Ground Safety Award

Lt. Col. Mike Morgan
320th Missile Squadron

Unit Safety Award

Lt. Col. Chris Gentry
90th Space Wing

Outstanding Paralegal SNCO of the Year

Master Sgt. Bernadette Hamilton
90th Space Wing

Outstanding Legal Service Civilian of the Year

Mrs. Billie Shelton
90th Space Wing

Category I Civilian of the Year

Mr. Larry Dygert
90th Civil Engineer Squadron

Briefs

CATM range closure

The CATM range will be closed until May 6. Call the range after May 3 to schedule firing times for the month of May. The appropriate personnel will be notified if the range opens at an early date. PCSs, deployments and AEFs will take priority in May. For more information, contact Senior Airman Johnathen Henry at 773-5568.

Remember OPSEC

Individuals have been calling various offices on base trying to obtain computer users' passwords. Do not give your password out to anyone. Report any personnel attempting to get your password to the help desk at 773-4545 or law enforcement 773-3501 immediately.

New location for antiterrorism PCS briefing

Antiterrorism briefings, which were previously held in Building 232, on the first and third Friday of every month will now be held in civilian personnel, Building 213 (next to library).

This will be the permanent location of these briefings until further notice. They will continue to be offered on the first and third Friday of every month.

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Wendy Allison at 773-3035.

Proposed drainage system upgrade

Warren is proposing to upgrade its existing storm water drainage system by constructing several detention basins, berms, open channels and storm sewers on the base in order to alleviate downstream flooding during major storm events.

The base is soliciting public comments on the draft environmental assessment for this project. A copy of the draft will be available for 30 days at the Laramie County Library information desk, 2800 Central Ave., and at the base library, Building 214. The comment period will run through May 9.

All comments must be submitted in writing to Cathy Pesenti, 90 CES/CEVP, 300 Vesle Dr., F. E. Warren AFB, WY 82005 and must be postmarked no later than May 9.

Grone: BRAC 2005 important for many different reasons

Samantha Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Base Realignment and Closure 2005 is in full swing and this round is important for many reasons, said Philip Grone, deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment.

To support ongoing force transformation, to improve the joint use of Department of Defense assets and to convert waste to warfighting are important in and of themselves, Mr. Grone said April 11.

"But the timing of BRAC for 2005 is also important because it provides a platform, an opportunity, for us to assess the sites and select the sites for forces that will return to the United States as a

result of the broader global-force posture realignment that the secretary and the department have undertaken."

DOD uses the process to reorganize its installation infrastructure to most efficiently support its forces, increase operational readiness and facilitate new ways of doing business, according to the BRAC Web site. The first BRAC occurred in 1988, and more followed in 1991, 1993 and 1995.

Congress authorized BRAC 2005 in the fiscal 2002 National Defense Authorization Act. The selection criteria were published in February 2004. In March of this year, President Bush appointed the members of an independent BRAC commission.

The next big BRAC deadline is

May 16 when Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld must make his recommendations for realignments and closures to Congress and the commission. By Sept. 8, the commission must send its findings to the president, who has until Sept. 23 to approve or disapprove the commission's report.

Mr. Grone said that initially all installations are considered for closure or realignment.

"By statute, all military installations are to be treated equally," he said. "Throughout this process, we are assessing all of our installations, functions and missions in an equal way so that we can have a defensible package of recommendations to provide to the indepen-

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Photo by Liz Saucier

MEDICS ON THE MOVE

The 90th Medical Group and TRIWEST Healthcare Alliance recently partnered and raised \$3,000 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. "Teaming up with other health care professionals who truly care is what we're all about. TRIWEST rocks," said Col. Ronald Pearson, 90 MDG commander. TRIWEST's matching gift helped the team more than double their original pledge goal. The 90 MDG and TRIWEST hope that the teamwork and dedication to helping the community they have demonstrated will have an impact on the quality of life for people suffering from MS. For more information on the MS Society, log onto <https://www.nationalmssociety.org>.

IMA chief retires after 33 years

Airman 1st Class Lauren Sixbey
Public affairs

The sole chief master sergeant individual mobilization augmentee in 20th Air Force celebrates her retirement in a ceremony today at the Trail's End Club.

Chief Master Sgt. Lois Meyer, 20th Air Force mobilization superintendent and reserve advisor, retires as a 33-year veteran.

Her first five years were spent on active duty as an audiovisual specialist at Norton Air Force Base, Calif. In 1977, she became an Air Force reservist. Ten years later, the Ypsilanti, Mich., native became an IMA assigned to the 341st Space Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

"The Air Force gave me a feeling of accomplishment that I never knew before," said Chief Meyer. "To keep that feeling after leaving active service, I joined the Air Force Reserves. The reserve program has allowed me to raise two children, be a spouse (to Lt. Col.



"Younger people need to follow where we left off. Every enlisted person has the potential to be chief."

— Chief Master Sgt. Lois Meyer, 20th Air Force

Mark Meyer, 20 AF) and still serve my country to the best of my ability. For that I will be forever grateful."

Her Air Force career, both active and reserve (unit and IMA), has taken her to three countries (the Philippines, Korea and Japan) and six states (California, Hawaii, Wisconsin, Montana, Maryland and Wyoming). She was directly responsible for mobilizing Air Force Reserve special agents for Office of Special Investigations Headquarters in the Global War on Terror. In 20 AF, she has helped bring

"total force" (guard and reserve) issues into intercontinental ballistic missile operations.

"The reasons I came in aren't the reasons I stayed in," said the mother of two. "The reason I stayed was because of the people. People are our greatest asset."

While in Denver on business, Chief Meyer had a young man, no more than 25 years old, come up to her and say, "Thank you for serving."

"I told him that I need someone to come behind me – to step up," she said.

"Younger people need to follow where we left off. Every enlisted person has the potential to be chief."

After more than three decades of service, Chief Meyer shared what she believes is a reason for success in the Air Force.

"It's very bonding [being] in the military. The uniform says something to the civilian community," Chief Meyer said. "Each one of us knows that we're prepared to sacrifice for our country. That bond keeps us together."

After her retirement, Chief Meyer will transition to become an Air Force squadron commander's spouse. In June, she will move to Buechel, Germany, where her husband, Colonel Meyer, will be the commander for the 702nd Munitions Support Squadron. She plans to continue to mentor the members of her husband's unit.

"I just want to give back some of the experience I have gained over the last 33 years to the next generation of Air Force professionals," said Chief Meyer.

What is an IMA?

Who: An individual mobilization augmentee, unlike a unit Air Force Reserve member, is attached to an active duty unit. IMAs are fully trained military members and are able to report within 24 hours to deploy anywhere in the world when activated. They must have at least a five skill level in their career field before becoming an IMA.

What: IMAs must perform 24 inactive duty-training periods and a 12-day annual tour to stay in the program. Some reserve members are able to perform military personnel appropriation man-days for their organizations.

Where: Currently, there are 20 IMAs assigned to Warren and 60 total in 20th Air Force. The 90th Civil Engineer Squadron has the most.

How: If you are interested in becoming an IMA, contact Master Sgt. Erika Bueno, in-service reserve recruiter at 773-1983. (Information provided by Chief Master Sgt. Lois Meyer, 20th Air Force mobilization superintendant)

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Volunteer Appreciation Week

Med Group salutes volunteers

Lt Col Rachel Lefebvre
90th Medical Support
Squadron commander

Did you know the 90th Medical Group has 22 volunteers that commit more than 4,300 hours a year of their time and expertise supporting your healthcare needs? Their combined service adds up to an impressive 68 years.

If you have ever picked up a prescription at the 90 MDG, most likely it was one of our volunteers that handed you the medication. We have 15 enthusiastic, active "unpaid" assistants working in the pharmacy handing out pharmaceutical goods, organizing refills, prepackaging bottles, and providing research. Volunteers dedicate anywhere from 40 hours per week to four hours per day

and have been a part of the medical group for as long as nine years to as little as just over a month. No matter how long, they are an essential part of our team.

"We simply could not function to the level we do on a regular basis without their support. They are essential to our operations and we are thankful for their on-going commitment", stated Maj. David Osborne, diagnostic and therapeutics flight commander.

In addition, the 90 MDG hosts the Wing Retiree Activities Program, located next to the dental clinic entrance. The director, Col. (ret.) Armin Lichtfuss and his seven member staff have developed an indispensable knowledge center.

"The Retiree Activities Program offers an awesome



Photo by Liz Saucier

Senior Airman Tiffany Grullon, 90th Medical Group pharmacy technician, gives flowers and a certificate of appreciation to Eleanor Perrin, 90 MDG pharmacy volunteer at an appreciation ceremony Tuesday.

venue of information and guidance," said Col. Ronald Pearson, 90 MDG commander.

90 MDG salutes all of its

fantastic volunteers ... we could not do it without you. Thank you for your incredible dedication and service.

If you or someone you know

is interested in volunteering at the pharmacy, please call Senior Airman Tiffany Grullon at 773-3646 or the retiree office at 773- 2312.

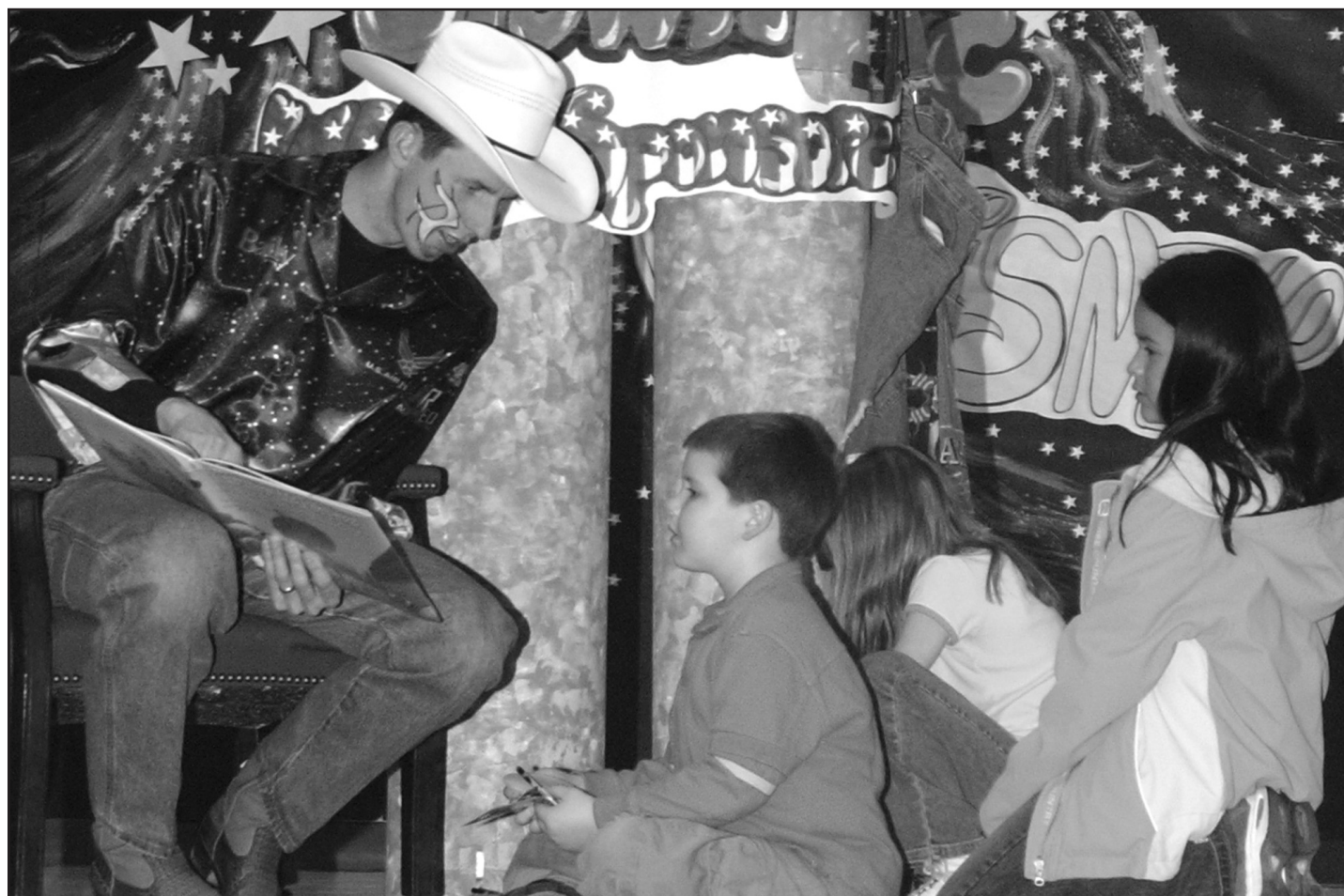


Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Sixbey

CGO VOLUNTEERS AT LOCAL SCHOOL

The Air Force's only rodeo cowboy protector 1st Lt. Jeremy Sparks reads to students during Alta Vista Elementary School's reading night Wednesday. Lieutenant Sparks is a missileer assigned to the 321st Missile Squadron and is one of the many company grade officers who volunteer their time to read to school-age children.

Warren reaches out

Base employs developmentally disabled for ground maintenance

Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon
Public affairs

The 90th Civil Engineer Squadron is proud to announce a new member to Team Warren.

The base recently employed a company called Skils'Kin that will be responsible for Warren's ground maintenance.

As part of their ground maintenance responsibilities Skils'Kin will weed, pick up litter, prune, remove snow from sidewalks and bus stops and do anything else related to the grounds as the new groundskeeper for Warren.

The name Skils'Kin is actually a Native American word from the Salish language. It means a place where a person goes to learn about himself. It relates to self-empowerment and self-identity.

Skils'Kin provides employment services to people with varied disabilities and residential services to people with developmental disabilities.

Their mission is to provide effective services and support to people with disabilities or other disadvantages.

In addition, they provide representative payee services to people that the Social Security Administration has deemed not capable of managing their funds, mostly as a result of mental illness.

The National Industries for the Severely Handicapped suggested Skils'Kin to Warren because of their desire to perform and their outstanding legacy at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

Skils'Kin is a corporation that provides services under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act of 1938.

Nationally, the JWOD Act of 1938 provides employment opportunities for over 36,000 Americans who are blind or have other

severe disabilities. The JWOD program orchestrates government purchases of products and services provided by nonprofit agencies employing such individuals.

Equally exciting to Skils'Kin is their ability to provide employment opportunities to people with disabilities in the area.

The majority of their workforce here comes from the Veterans Administration through the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Magic City and Goodwill.

"I am very optimistic about this contractor. The professionalism and expertise they have brought

to this base so far is very exciting," stated Tom Gonzales, QAE for grounds maintenance.

"In the few short weeks they have been on base they have determined F. E. Warren has an elevated soil pH level and have suggested a fertilization plan to compensate for it," Mr. Gonzales

said.

There is much to be done and the process of bringing the base up to Air Force Space Command's standards will take time, said Mr. Gonzales.

Skils'Kin signed a five-year contract, but will remain with Warren as long as they provide satisfying service, Mr. Grussaute said.

At Fairchild, Skils'Kin has provided base-wide custodial services under the JWOD Program for more than 30 years.

Skils'Kin is in their 11th year as the grounds maintenance contractor, and their 10th year operating the postal service contract at Fairchild. The quality of services at Fairchild is reflected by their nomination for the 2004 NISH Performance Excellence in Government Contracts award.

In the fiscal year 2004 Skils'Kin served a total of 308 people with disabilities. Skils'Kin is a nonprofit corporation based in Spo-

"I'm very optimistic about this contractor; the professionalism and expertise they have brought to this base so far is very exciting."

— Tommy Gonzales,
QAE for grounds maintenance



Photos by Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon



Above: Joy Dougan, a Skils'kin employee, puts the finishing touches on Bruce Parish's mowing job in front of Building 250 April 19. Ms. Dougan is one of the many Skils'kin workers who are the newest members of Warren's grounds maintenance team.

Left: Bruce Parish, Skils'kin employee, takes time to mow the grass in front of building 250 April 19.

kane, Wash.

"We are truly excited to take on the challenge of the grounds maintenance contract at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne,"

Mr. Grussaute said.

For more information on Skils'Kin or base ground maintenance, contact Mr. Gonzales at 773-6105



Photo by Capt. Catie Hague

SPARKS FLY OVER SEAS

Senior Airman Chris Bender, 90th Civil Engineer Squadron, welds the forms for runway replacement slabs at a deployed location. Airman Bender is deployed with the 455th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.

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dent commission.”

There are several criteria for selecting a base, but one top consideration is the installation's current and future mission capabilities and the effect on operational readiness of the total force, including the impact on joint warfighting, training and readiness.

“In this round of BRAC, the joint cross-service groups that we have established have greater breadth (than BRAC 1995),” Mr. Grone said. “So rather than looking at, as we did in 1995, depot maintenance in this round of BRAC, we're looking at all of the industrial activities of the department on a joint basis.”

Medical functions, headquarters and support, education and training, intelligence, supply and storage are all being assessed from a joint perspective, he said. This will help provide the most efficient military structure.

Mr. Grone said that jointness is a “key aspect” of this BRAC. “The decision process in this BRAC is joint from top to bottom in this round of BRAC,” he said.

Another important criterion is the availability and condition of lands, facilities and associated airspace at existing and potential receiving locations. That availability also extends to

homeland-defense training missions.

Officials at bases chosen for closure or major realignment can expect the process to be completed within six years from the approval of recommendations. They can also expect some assistance and guidance from the DOD and interagency partners, Mr. Grone said.

Officials at DOD's Office of Economic Adjustment make planning grants and assistance available.

Also, Mr. Grone said, a series of policy reforms will enhance the DOD's ability to move forward to close or realign a base as expeditiously as possible to allow the economic redevelopment of the areas affected.

“All the communities that support our military installations do so very solidly with a great deal of cooperation and partnership,” he said.

“But as a result of what we must do to enhance the military mission, it's inevitable that there will be some bases, as excess capacity, that no longer will be required.

“In those circumstances, we're going to work in a very productive way, we trust, with those local communities ... working in partnership with them to provide a foundation for solid economic redevelopment,” Mr. Grone said.

Space support vital to U.S. success in Pacific

Tech. Sgt. James A. Rush
AFSPC Public Affairs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

— Support from space capabilities earned a large vote of confidence from the commander of Pacific Air Forces during a National Space Symposium presentation at the Broadmoor Hotel April 7.

Gen. Paul V. Hester detailed how his Airmen rely on space forces each day in a theater which spans 16 time zones. The Pacific covers “half the world surface. Most is covered with water, but 100 percent of it is covered by air and space,” the general said.

“[Space] is a capability all of us need. It's how we will shape the U.S. presence in the Pacific for the next several years and we apply it to daily operations as we see them today,” said the 34-year Air Force veteran.

More than 60 percent of the world population resides within the Pacific's boundaries speaking 1,000 different languages. The economic impact of the region has grown to account for 30 percent of the United States' trade each year.

China and India are examples of nations whose influence is growing and “commercial and military competition go hand in hand,” he

said. “Other countries have learned from us, studied us and bought from us. They challenge us in imaginative ways forcing us to rethink the way in which our transformation is done.

“It's important for its size, population and economic impact.” To emphasize the point, he quoted President George W. Bush from 2002 saying “the success of this region is essential to the entire world. I'm convinced that the 21st Century will be the Pacific Century.”

U.S. citizens have grown up in an era where national policy is focused on Europe, he explained. “But there's no NATO in the Pacific. That chal-

lenges us in how to do unilateral operations.”

Communication is a fundamental service space professionals provide in the region and the need for it on the battlefield is critical said General Hester echoing a recent statement from Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Myers.

“In an area as large as the Pacific, communication is needed not only to fight American battles, but for humanitarian outreach efforts as well,” General Hester said. “It puts the right equipment in the right spot at the right time to help the right people.”

Waiting for warm weather?

Pass the time, prepare for outdoor activities

Master Sgt. Jeff Bohn
Public affairs

Spring weather is flirting with sportsmen much like a fickle prom queen, and Mother Nature is playing havoc with the psyche of the novice tenderfoots as well as outdoor gurus.

With sun-today, snow-tomorrow forecasts, it's a wonder anyone can focus toward breaking the weather doldrums and plan one's day off.

There are some things Wyoming woodsmen and women can do during the next month of weird weather to preserve the benefits of a warmer future for enjoying the outdoors. Twenty suggestions follow to get the cobwebs out of the cellar, and put some zeal into recreationalists' warm weather plans.

1. Get those fishing rods cleaned up and service those reels with new line and a fresh coat of lubricant. If an early autumn caught the terminal tackle without proper preparation, there is no way those tools are ready to do battle with our finned adversaries. Rusty hooks, the forgotten bologna science experiment and dehydrated caviar in the tackle box are some of the obstacles present in a neglected fishing arsenal.

2. Prepare for the May big game application period. All antelope, and select units for deer and elk limited draw permits need to be submitted in May for this fall's hunt. Selecting a hunting unit will require research for accessible land, good huntable animal numbers, and best odds for being drawn. Use April to research potential areas so May is spent filing the tag.

3. Gentlemen, start your engines. Boat motors and generators that have sat idle all winter will need a fresh spark plug, change of oil and a thorough testing. Woe to those who left untreated gas in them all winter. If the engine doesn't run well, now is the time to get it fixed. Any marine shop will testify their service garages are plumb full the first good weather weekend, and will create a work backlog of

several weeks.

4. Take an education course. Wyoming Department of Game and Fish has hunter safety and bowhunter safety classes available. Don't wait until precious summertime is here and autumn's elk start bugling before realizing the hunter safety card class is needed before going a field. Also, paying a few bucks may lend itself toward a beginner fly fishing course, survival study or safe-boating seminar.

5. Attend a fund raiser. Spring is a great time to attend a fund-raising event for a favorite critter. Pheasants Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, Wild Turkey Foundation, Trout Unlimited and a host of other national conservation activities often have their

fundraisers in the off season. April 29 is the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's dinner in Cheyenne, and one can't say they've seen it all until they've attended a gala filled with hundreds of elk enthusiasts vying for door prizes, raffles and silent auctions -- all benefiting the event's wildlife.

6. Collect some antlers. Spring spells prime time to prowl the ungulates wintering grounds in search of elk and deer antler sheds. Public areas in the foothills of the neighboring mountains are good places to look for these ivory wannabees. The cautionary statement is to keep a distance from live animals -- this time of year is critical for their survival, and to run them off is

likely to stress and kill them.

7. Time to go shopping. There may be some spouses out there who will hate this comment, but replacing and amending one's recreational equipment is a necessity. Lures, line, camp gear, boating accessories, maps, survival equipment are all items that need updating and augmenting from time to time. Tis the time to inventory, inspect, implore, invest and implement.

8. Read the regulations. Change occurs without much fanfare in the outdoor world. Adjustments to fishing, hunting, boating and camping regulations and instruc-

tions change seasonally. Get current copies and spend some leisurely

time refreshing and ensuring the material is freshly firing the synapses and is understood before finding oneself on the wrong side of the law.

9. Consider a new aspect of the outdoors. Fly fishing, backpacking, varmint shooting and a boatload of other outdoor activities may be foreign to some folks. Consider the bright spots Wyoming has to offer and try



Courtesy of Wyoming Game and Fish

something new. Fly fishing may seem difficult, but is perhaps one of the most memorable methods when landing an 18-inch wild brown trout.

10. Start networking for opportunity now. Often people who have not done it don't know what they are missing out on until they get involved with someone who has experience. Fly fishing the North Platte in December comes to mind ... and it wouldn't have happened without the subtle urgings of a close friend who blows stuff up for a living. Talk to people in the work center, other base agencies and civilian folks off base. One never knows when they will be invited into an elk camp, asked to fish a reservoir for trophy walleye, or go for a scenic sightseeing drive in the mountains. Often these relationships become lifelong pals.

(This article is the first part in a two-part series. See the April 29 Sentinel for Part 2.)



Photos by Kelly Willoughby

Missileer moving to Morocco

Elite academic scholarship sends servicemember abroad

QUICK FACTS

Name/Unit: Capt. John Pease, 90th Operation Support Squadron

Favorite meal: Lamb shahi korma - it's an Indian dish

Favorite movies: *Withnail and I* and *Delicatessen*

Favorite dessert: Crème brûlée

Life's motto: "War is God's way of teaching Americans geography." – Ambrose Bierce

What did you want to be when you grew up? A government contract killer.

If he was president for a day: "I'd spend the day pardoning as many ludicrous miscarriages of justice as I could get my hands on."

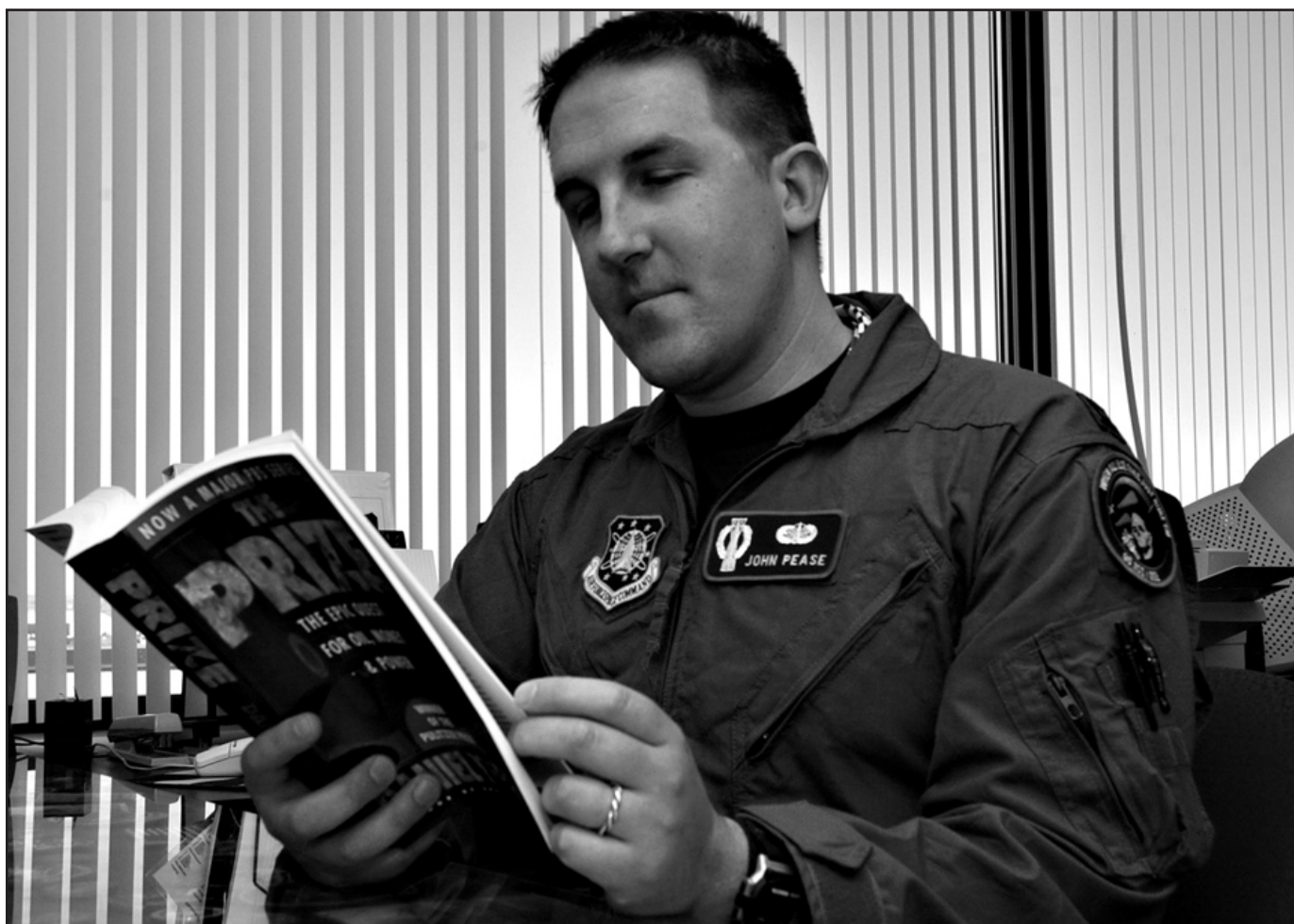


Photo by Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon

Capt. John Pease, 90th Operation Support Squadron, recently received an academic scholarship that will take him to Morocco to study.

Where do you work and what do you do?

ICBM emergency war order plans. We do targeting. We're the middleman between U. S. Strategic Command who picks the targets and the crews in the field who retarget the sorties. I'm also the acting chief of wing intelligence right now.

What's the best part?

Teaching. I get to teach targeting procedures to the combat crews a couple times a week.

And you won an academic scholarship, the Olmsted Scholarship. How did you do that?

I got lucky. I don't think as many people applied this year. Also, a

mercenary sensibility and a willingness to do my job with lead-pipe cruelty and by climbing over the corpses of those I've stabbed in the back on my way to the top.

What is this going to mean to you?

They're sending me to the Defense Language Institute for six to nine months so I can study Arabic. Then they'll send my family and I to Rabat, the capital of the Kingdom of Morocco. I'll attend Mohammed V University and study Arabic language and literature, Islamic studies, and history.

How many servicemembers were awarded the Olmsted Scholarship?

Twenty DoD members total; seven Air Force officers.

Did you get to choose where you went to school?

Yes, Rabat was my number two choice out of a list of 10 countries/schools. I wanted to go to Beirut, but the Olmsted Foundation cited security concerns, especially since the assassination of Rafiq Hariri.

What are the requirements to use the scholarship?

The foundation requires you to study in a foreign language in a foreign country. The point is to immerse yourself in the language and the culture.

Are there any catches in the

scholarship?

I have to write period reports to the foundation. They will come over and visit us in country. Since the whole point of the program is the immersion, and the grad school is merely to give the experience some sort of structure, they'll want to know what I'm learning day-to-day more than what class work I've completed. They give us extra money to travel around, and they want us to meet people, form friendships that will last me the rest of my career.

How do you feel about this honor personally?

I'm really excited. It's quite a streak of luck I've been having; and this is definitely the capper.

"Capt. Pease's accomplishment is simply outstanding; being selected for this prestigious program speaks volumes of his dedication to push his personal and professional development to the limit."

— Lt. Col. Charles Grossart, 90th Operation Support Squadron flight commander

Family Day at Chadwell Dining Facility

Every Sunday is Family Day at Chadwell Dining Facility.

All active duty members may bring their family members with military ID cards to dine at Chadwell, noon to 1 p.m. Also invited are family members of the deployed.

Family members of E1 - E4 active duty are welcome to accompany their sponsor to any and all Chadwell Dining Facility meal times.

Play Texas hold'em poker

Texas hold'em poker is scheduled for April 30, 2 p.m. at the Trail's End Club. All entrants receive 50 white, 25 red and 25 blue chips worth \$40,500. The top three players will receive awards. Door prizes will be given throughout the event. Blinds and antes will be announced at start

of play. Blinds are to the left of dealer and rotate, as does the dealer.

Sign up and pay by today, and the cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for eligible nonmembers. After today, fees will be \$20 for members and \$25 for eligible nonmembers. Participants must be at least 18 years old to play.

Secretary Week

The Trail's End Club invites bosses to bring their secretaries to lunch any day Tuesday to April 29 in honor of Secretaries Day. The club will have a flower for your guest. Lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are not required.

Spring garage sale special

Patrons may rent tables at the usual week end rate, \$4, and can pick them up a day early (Thursday) at no extra charge during the month of April. Make

the best use of your set up time.

Tea time crafts

Come to the multi crafts skills center every Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants will learn to pour ceramics as well as painting techniques.

Also being offered is a class on scroll saw techniques. There will be two sessions and the cost is \$10.

For more information, call the multi-crafts center at 773-3754.

Car wash special

Tired of messing around with quarters when that car of yours needs to be washed? Call or stop by the auto skills center and purchase a pre-programmed wash card.

Buy a new car wash card for any amount in April and \$5 additional will be added.

Call the auto skills center at 773-3869.

Child Abuse Prevention Month presentation

Lindi Kirkbride and a volunteer coordinator from Court Appointed Special Advocates of Laramie County will be coming to the library to give a child abuse awareness presentation Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the services conference room, 7105 Randall Ave. Included will be an eight-minute video titled "Everyday Heroes;" a video made from the perspective of a CASA volunteer. For more information about the presentation, call the library at 773-3416.

Swim team looking for members

Warren Waves, the youth swim team is seeking more members ages 17 and younger. They meet Mondays through Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call the aquatic center at 773-3195.

Golf for kids

Kids ages 8 to 13 are invited to learn to play golf June 6 to 9, 27 to 30 and July 11 to 14.

Participants will receive a Golf 4 Kids logo t-shirt, cap, golf towel, neon tee pack and bag tag, rules and etiquette brochures and a graduation certificate. Children graduating from the program will get a free set of top quality junior clubs to keep. The cost is \$99.

For more information about Golf 4 Kids, call 773-3556.

ODR take trip to "42nd Street"

Outdoor recreation is offering a trip to see the musical "42nd Street" at the Union Colony Civic Center in Greeley on May 7. The cost for the show is \$35 and includes transportation. A limited number of tickets are available. For more information call Outdoor recreation at 773-2988

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Water restrictions lifted

Base residents to follow same watering schedule as city

Elizabeth McClain
90th Civil Engineer Squadron

Warren, in partnership with the city of Cheyenne, will go to normal water supply status, changing the conservation measures from those you would follow in a mild drought to those in normal conditions.

Base residents are allowed to water three days a week with a sprinkler or hose on designated watering days with no time restrictions in each zone.

Lawn and turf watering is still prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. through Oct. 15.

Base residents with addresses ending in 1, 2 or 3 can water lawns, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Addresses ending in 4, 5, 6 or 7 water on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Addresses ending in 8, 9 or 0 water on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Gardens and flowers may be wa-

tered on any day, but not between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Base residents may water their trees, bushes and shrubs only on their designated days. Watering of new sod or new seed on other than designated watering days is prohibited except by permit.

Base residents washing their personal vehicles are limited to using hoses equipped with shut-off spray nozzles or buckets and may be washed on any day of the week, at anytime.

No washing of hard surfaces, such as sidewalks, driveways and parking lots is allowed except for health or safety reasons.

"We are not completely out of the woods and all base residents should continue to conserve when ever possible, because ultimately water is our most precious resource," said Tommy Gonzales, 90th Civil Engineer Squadron grounds maintenance manager. "We must save some for our children."

Conservation measure highlights

- No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Lawns can only be watered three days a week on your designated days.
- Water trees, bushes and shrubs only on your designated watering days.
- Watering of new sod / new seed on other than designated watering days is prohibited except by permit.
- Watering trees, bushes and shrubs is limited to designated days and prohibited 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wasting water by allowing water to run off onto the street is prohibited.
- Events that use a significant amount of water for set up or operation must employ best management practices to conserve resources.
- Washing hard surfaces, such as sidewalks, driveways and parking lots, is prohibited except for safety and health reasons. The watering schedule permits watering between now through Oct. 15.



Photo by Master Sgt. Richard Mullee

MEET WARREN'S BEST MISSILE HANDLER TEAM

Although Guardian Challenge was postponed for 2005, this year's missile handling team was poised to ensure maintenance would carry their weight with a first place finish. Team members included: Staff Sgt. Jason Halvari, team chief; team members Staff Sgt. Christopher Bird, Senior Airman Jarrod Godwin, Senior Airman James Morton and Senior Airman Kevin Guss; and Tech. Sgt. Brett Ragsdale, team trainer. "This team represents the best of the best missile handling technicians and I have the utmost confidence that they would have beaten the other two wings," said Master Sgt. Arla Rogers, 90th Space Wing's Guardian Challenge NCOIC.

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